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DATE: 21 SEP 1954

TO : Chief, EE

FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Administrative

SPECIFIC— Transmittal of Secret Data

Inasmuch as responsible officials have determined that the attached data is of no material use to the German Mission, it is requested that it be submitted to Registry for inclusion in its files.

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2 September 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Administration & Logistics

FROM: Chief, Security Branch

SUBJECT: Security Violation - 9 August 1954 - Roll of
Microfilm Classified Top Secret Found in Wing 620.

1. At approximately 1845 hours on 9 August 1954 a roll of microfilm (subsequently discovered to be classified Top Secret) was found by the Assistant Duty Officer on the floor in the knee-hole of a desk in the 620 Wing. The desk was located adjacent to safe #341.

2. In the period 10 August - 1 September 1954 an investigation was conducted by [] both to determine responsibility for the violation and to examine the circumstances of the misplacing of the roll of film, in an effort to discover the extent of any compromise involved.

3. Chief, Commo stated that the film was sent to Frankfurt from the Vienna Mission in April 1954 at the request of Chief, Commo; also that one set of prints was made. Since April 1954 only [] member of Commo, can recall seeing the film which was during early July 1954. Presumably it was safeguarded at that time.

4. On the day in which the film was found (9 August 1954) no staff personnel were working in the room in which it was discovered. German telephone repairmen had been working in this office during the week prior to 9 August, and in the course of their work had moved a certain amount of furniture in the office, including the desk under which the microfilm was found. This situation gave rise to the idea, among the Commo people, that the film (which was found in an envelope) had probably been lodged behind the desk for several days or weeks and had fallen to the floor on the day on which the desk was moved.

5. In order to make the investigation complete, thereby making evaluation possible, Security requested MKTOPAZ to make one set of prints which are attached to this report. In short, it is a detailed OSS Top Secret interrogation report of a Gestapo agent, dated July 1945. Chief, Commo stated that the material, in his opinion, no longer warrants a Top Secret classification. However, there appears to be other operational aspects, such as names of agents apart from Signal or Communications which perhaps might still be Secret or even Top Secret.

6. It would appear that this film should be forwarded to Chief of Operations for possible CE interest. It would also appear that the film should be forwarded to KUBARK Headquarters for inclusion in OSS archives,

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which are under KUBARK control.

7. As a matter of information, with respect to the possible downgrading, according to Field Instructions No. 10-11, paragraph 6, it would appear that the Mission does not have authority to downgrade this document.

8. Responsibility for the violation could
not be placed.

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Attachments

Film

Print

CE has seen.

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